Became Her True Hero

Love For Woman Shows a Man His Patriotic Duty

By AGNES G. BROGAN

Down the hill, singing all the way, went Rhoda. Long had she dreamed of springtime in the country, and now she was here—here where the first wild flowers peeped through the green, where the hillside brook tumbled nois-

Halfway down, at the rustic bridge Rhoda paused to look out across the Blue it stretched as far as she could see. She caught its fresh breath on her face and laughed for pure joyous freedom. Out there the boats seemed suspended between sky and sea. Rhoda's laughter turned to sighing as she spied in the distance shapes majestic and sinister. Some of these great boats, she had heard, were to bear away the new recruits for the navy, for over this land of spring and sunshine loomed the dark cloud of war.

Rhoda turned from the sea to look down the nestling hillside. She took out her bit of knitting as she stood to catch a stitch or two. She had promised the Red Cross society at home to send her work to them there. For weeks she and her friends had been making the soft, white bandages, fearing the while, yet underneath their fear still hoping that peace might be proclaimed.

Suddenly, as she gazed downward, Rhoda's eyes, blue as the sea itself, widened wonderingly. There in the sunlight, stretched upon the ground, lay a man's blue clad figure. Huddled up as he was, his bared head cradled on one arm, she could discern the costume of a navy officer or soldier. "Recruiting, perhaps," Rhoda decided. Then slowly and as though painfully the man moved to a sitting posture, while the girl gave a cry of horror, for his other arm was bandaged to the shoulder and the bandage deeply stained with crimson

At her startled cry the soldier glanced upward, then hastily, and, as though in compunction for frightening her, he drew across the red stained bandage a cloak lying beside him on the ground. Even from that distance Rhoda could see that the man was ghastly pale. His act of unselfish chivalry touched her sply. How or where in this time of quiet preparation he could have received that bleeding wound she did not know, but her duty was plain-she must hasten at once to his assistance.

She was glad as she hurrled along of her few lessons in first aid at the clety, but actual need made such a of faintness at the sight of blood. She



ing eyes to hers, and Rhoda caught her eath in embarrassment. Never had she seen such eyes of pathos, large and

dark like those of a pleading spaniel. She fancied he was suffering. "I saw your wound," Rhoda began abruptly, "before you thoughtfully covered it. And if there is anything I can do to make you comfortable I'd be glad. I've had a few lessons in first aid to the

A smile gathered in the depth of the dark eyes. "That's good of you," the man answered, the smile extending deally to his lips. "And all the time," he added, "you are wondering how I came to be shot."

"I am more anxious to know now," Rhoda replied, "how I may be of assistance. You are suffering."

The soldier motioned to a mound of ne needles at his side. "The thing s bandaged up, all right," he cheerfully answered her, "and I haven't a pain in the world, but if you would

stay with me here just a little while"— Rhoda studied his face. It was still lky white. Then she seated herheart, she thought admiringly, making light of his suffering condition and shielding its unpleasantness from oth-

"You should not be here alone in the hot sun," she said severely and bent, adjusting her own parasol to shade

told her, "trying to get up energy for the next stunt." He laughed shortly. Rhoda's pretty brows wrinkled perplexedly. "But I don't understand," she said. "Are you drilling, maneuvering? And how did you come to be injured?"

The man answered briefly, his eyes bent downward, "Explosion," he said. "An explosion of arms?" she asked

He nodded. "At practice," he said. The girl clasped her hands about her knees and looked again off over the blue waters.

"Then you know," she said, "just what it is going to mean to face fire, just what you are prepared to do for your country's sake over and over again. I admire a soldier. I admire a brave man." She broke off to laugh tremulously. "Excuse me," said Rhoda; "that was a burst of patriotism." She turned to him. "Are you feeling more sure of yourself? Shall I go?"

The man put out his sound hand, protesting. "Please, not yet," he said. "Then you admire feats of daring? I could tell you some." And he did.

In breathless interest Rhoda listened, while the morning hours slipped all unheeded into a golden noon. There were tales of adventure, the miraculous scaling of high, forbidding cliffs, leaps of recklessness into dark and foaming waters. This wounded man, with his spiritually beautiful face, had accomplished these feats, and more, and when the distant great steel clad ships should sail away into the very mouth of danger he would go, smiling as bravely as he smiled at her now through his pain. Rhoda arose and impulsively held out her hand.

"I do not like to leave you so alone," she said, troubled.

Up the hill came swingingly another seaman's figure. "That's all right," her hero hastily told her. "Barney's coming after me now." But the spanie look was in his eyes again. "Might I keep the parasol for this afternoon's shade, and, if it isn't asking too much. could you stop for it here tomorrow?

"Why, of course I'll stop," said Rhoda. Up the hill she went thoughtful-There were glowing spots of pink in her cheeks, brought forth by this young man's tales of brave achievement. There was soft mistiness in the blue eyes, in pity for his patient suffering. And as Rhoda looked for the last time that night at the stars she was still thinking of the cheery, patient young man and of the great ships waiting out there some place in the darkness.

And the man, when she had left him, stretched himself flat upon the ground and, throwing two strong arms above his head, smiled into the rose colored ce. She was dizzy with fear shade of the little silken parasol.

"Time's up," called Barney, approach looked down fearfully at the knitted ing. "Come out and get busy." Then sponge in her hand. "Of what use if as his eyes fell upon the parasol the

"Never you mind what," the young man replied as he scrambled to his feet. "Just you keep away from here when you see anything like a parasol on the landscape. Understand?"

"I do," his friend agreed pleasantly. Rhoda came the next morning, hesitatingly. Several times she had been tempted to break her promise and remain away, but each time the decision was made some invisible, compelling power seemed forcing her on. Now she stood in strange trepidation, looking downward to the nook beside the pine needles. Yes, already there, gleaming in the sunlight, was the rose colored parasol. She drew out her knitting, counting stitches as she came. The young man wore a white navy cap over his wavy hair today, and he raised his head to smile at her.

"Don't ask how I am," he greeted her. "Never felt so well in my life." Rhoda regarded the browned, handsome face. "You look better," she conceded. "And the arm?"

arm's all right," he said. "Then," suggested the girl, "I'll take

The man shifted uneasily. "Oh, the

ny umbrella and go." His eyes were beseeching again. you'd let me keep it for a few days," he begged, "just while I'm out here. It's such a comfort, and there isn't one to be found in camp. There were some snapshots, too, that I wanted to show you, taken in the very places I told you about yesterday." He waited

"Oh, stay a little while," he said. "It's such a great morning."

diffidently. Then his frank laugh rang

Again, against her own judgment and will, the invisible power ruled. Rhoda seated herself on the pine needle cushion and put forth her hand for the pictures.

So that morning became but one of many mornings when the two would linger together, smiling into each other's eyes, dreaming contentedly through the silences which followed, while the breath of sea and hillside seemed filled with the sweet enchantment that was slowly infolding them both. Each night Rhods idealized him as she looked at the stars. His name she knew and his home city-John Radeliff of Boston. But it was of his brave chosen plan of life that she dreamed and of her country's ships in

the distance. - And he? John Radeliff looked up at the stars, too, but his was a troubled gaze, for he had learned of Rhoda more than her mere name and home city, and he Old Boarder-Huh! The scarcity of knew now that if he were to win the eggs in this joint is caused by their

reit. So she found him with a whiteness of face that had this morning a convincing appearance of suffering. It was the first time she had seen

im in citizen's clothes, and he see n some unaccountable way like a

"Rhoda," he began sharply, "I have

omething to tell you."
"I know what it is," she murmured softly. "I read in the paper last night the soldiers, the boats, are leaving to-morrow. You will have to go."

The man spoke deliberately. "No," he said, "I will not have to go. I am act—a soldier. It was all a miserable lie, something I allowed you to believe because I wished to keep on seeing you." He turned on her fiercely. "Look here, Rhoda," he cried, "I've had to see you! That day, the first day when your eyes looked down on me in pity, you were to me the sweetest thing in all God's world. I had to know you, to hold you near me, some way. The pretended wound for the time answered the purpose; then in my happiness let things drift. Dear, look at me



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closely. Think. Haven't you seen this face of mine in magazines, in papers?" He laughed shortly. "And I was proud of that fact, proud of being 'Jack Clifton, star actor of the movies.' We, the company, are out here rehearsing the new war play called 'Tomorrow.' That explains my wound, whose painted bandage I at first tried to hide from you. The adventures were real, though, Rhoda. I've scaled the cliffs, leaped into the stormy waters, but never have walked the deck of a man-of-war or, in truth, served my country. That's all. But"-his voice broke in passion-"I love you, Rhoda! Oh, I love you!"

Slowly the girl turned from him. "It is not necessary," she said quietly, "to enact for me the part of lover-soldier if you would, but not lover-please." upward path, but when the girl reached her own little room she threw herself across the bed, weeping as she had never went before. That love could come so swiftly, enthralling one in its power, was strange. But that love should come closked in deceit that was bitter. Even in her grief her lip curled

scornfully. "A God to be worshiped" she had made of this prated actor of the soulful eyes. What idealism she had woven around his talks of bravery on land and sea! How she had admired his suffering silence! How loath to talk of his service-no wonder! Rhoda arose stormlly to receive a note the maid thrust in at the door,

"Will you," it said, without greeting or signature-"will you give me at least the satisfaction of knowing that your love might have been won by the man you believed your lover to be?" Tensely, with closed eyes, the girl considered. The man she did love-it was his deceit alone which held them apart. Quickly she wrote upon the note one word-"Yes"-and sent it on its way.

It was strange that with the shattering of the dream its memory still had power to pain. Rhoda, wakeful, lay upon her moonlit pillow. Far out the ships were waiting with the men who were to defend her country. Just what would it mean to love a man like that and then to let him go?

At her breakfast plate was the morning city paper, telling of the departing ships and new recruits. Beside the paper was folded a note. Rhoda frowned in quick pain at the newly familiar writing.

"I am going away this morning," she read, "to be the man you believed me to be. May I come to say goodby?"

Down the hillside, all breathless, she ran to meet him, and there, after one rapturous look into her tear stained. radiant face, her soldier clasped her in his hungry arms. It was hard to say farewell, for the arms would but unclasp to cling again. And at last, when he looked back at her standing on the little rustic bridge, he cupped his hands to call, "I am coming back to you!" "Soon," cried Rhoda-"soon!" And when she could see him no more the girl still sat gazing out over the sea, and in her eyes were the light of dreams and the joy of years to come.

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Any elector who is not already reg-

Any elector who is not already reg-istered, or who has changed his resi-dence to another ward since last egistering will be required to register. Said Board of Registration will remain in session from 8 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the after-Dated July 18th, 1917.
H. HAWCROFT.

WOMEN ELECTORS

for the purpose of registering Women Electors for the purpose of voting upon the proposition to issue Bonds for \$1750 for the motorizing of the Fire Depart-

tions of male electors and having property assessed for taxes within the City of Owosso shall be entitled to registration and vote.

Said Board will remain in session from 8 o'clock a. m. until 8 o'clock p m. of the same day.

Dated July 18, 1917.

H. Hawcroft, City Clerk.

Notice of Meeting to Determine Necessity.

Deepening, widening and straightening the Gallagher Drain from the outlet at a point 18 30 100 chains south and 11 97-100 chains east of the n 14 post of section 22 T 8 N R 2 East to the upper end at a point 25 links south of the n w corner of e 1/2 of n e 1/2 of section 31 T 8 N R 2 East. Bottom width to be seven (7) feet or less.

township in said county: Rush.

Therefore, notice is hereby given that in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided, a meeting will be held on the lith day of August, A. D. 1917, at the Carmody School House, in the Township of Rush, at ten o'clock in the forencen of said day for the purpose of hearing evidence by me, the said Drain Commissioner, as to whether or not the said proposed drain is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare. At said meeting any and all persons owning lands liable to assessment for benefits, or whose lands shall be crossed by said drain, may appear for or against said proceedings, and may be heard in relation thereto.

ALONZO GRIFFIN,

ALONZO GRIFFIN, County Drain Commissioner of the County of Shiawassee Dated at Corunna, this 21st day of July, A. D. 1917.

Notice of Meeting to Determine Necessity. To Whom it May Concern:

Whom it May Concern:
Whereas, on the 18th day of July, A. D.
1917, an application was filed with me, the
undersigned County Drain Commissioner of
the County of Shiawassee, for the locating
and establishing of a certain drain, which
said drain was described in said application
as follows, to-wit:

Terminating at a point on the line between and owned by J C Banghart and A Purvishout 50 rods east of the west township line.

Bottom width to be eight (8) feet or less.

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Which said drain will traverse the following townships in said county: Rush and Owesso. Therefore, notice is hereby given that in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided, a meeting will be held on the 10th day of August. A. D. 1917, at the residence of Calvin Willoughby in the Township of Rush at two o'clock in the aftermoon of said day for the porpose of hearing evidence by me, the said Drain Commissioner, as townesser on the said proposed drain is necessary and conductive to the public health, convenience and welfare. At said meeting any and all persons owning lands lable to assessment for benefits, or whose lands shall be crossed by said drain, may appear for or against said proceedings, and may be heard in relation thereto.

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Whereas, on the 20th day of July, A. D. 1917, an application was filed with me, the undersigned County Drain Commissioner of the County of Shiawassee, for the deepening widening and straightening of a certain drain, which

Which said drain will traverse the following ownship in said county: Rush.

said drain was described in said application as follows, to wit:

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Commissioners' Notice.

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in the matter of the estate of Frederick Steadman, deceased.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said estate do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of G. F. Friegel in the City of Owosse in said County on Tuesday the 4th day of September. A. D. 1917, and on Monday, the 5th day of November. Ald D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days for the purpose of receiving and adjusting all claims against said estate and that four months from the 3rd day of July. A. D. 1917, are allowed to creditors to present their claims to said Commissioners for adjustment and allowance.

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We, the undersigned, having been appointed by toe Hon. Matthew Bush. Judge of Probate in and for the County of Shiswasee, State of Michigan. Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said estate, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the Union State Bank in the Village of Laingaburg, in said County, on Tuesday, the 21st day of August, A. D. 1917, and on Monday, the 21nd day of October, A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of maid days, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting all claims against said estate, and that four months from the 20th day of June A. D. 1917, are allowed to creditors to present their claims to said Commissioners for adjustment and allowabce.

Dated, the 20th day of June, A. D. 1917.

Dated, the 20th day of June. A. D. 1917. JAMES D. HOUGHTON, FRANK B. SMITH,

Commissioners' Notice. In the matter of the estate of Creus

We the undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Matthew Bush. Judge of Probate in and for the County of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said estate, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the Owosso Savings Bank in the City of Owosso, in said County, on Friday, the 7th day of September, A. D. 1917, and on Wednesday, the 7th day of November, A. D. 1917 at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting all claims against said estate, and that four months from the 5th day of July, A. D. 1917, are allowed to creditors to present their claims to said Commissioners for adjustment and allowance.

Dated the 6th day of July, A. D. 1917.

Dated the 6th day of July, A. D. 1917. ASA D. WHIPPLE, MORRIS W. SOUTHARD, Commission

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The 35th Judicial Circuit in Chancery. Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Shiawassee at the City of Co-runna, on the 9th day of March, 1917. Sadie Bell McGillyra, Plaintiff,

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In this cause on filing the Bill of Complaint herein sworn to by the above named plaintiff setting forth the fact that, after a diligent search and inquiry, she has been unable to ascertain the whereabouts of any of the defendants above named, and whether the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and assigns of them are living or dead, or their names or places of residence, and that they are necessary parties to this suit and proceeding; and

Whereas said suit is brought to quiet title to the following described lands and premises situate in the City of Owoaso, Shiawassee County and State of Michigan, and more particularly described as follows: One acre of land as follows: Commencing twenty-six (26) rods east of the west line of the west half (½) of the northwest quarter (½) of section eighteen (18), town seven (1) north of range three (3) east. Shiawassee County, Michigan, and two (2) rods north of the south line of said west half (½) of the northwest quarter (½) of said section eighteen (18); running thence east eight (8) rods; thence south twenty (20) rods to the place of beginning.

Therefore, on motion of Seth Q. Pulver.

Therefore, on motion of Seth Q. Pulver, Attorney for Plaintiff, it is ordered that Daniel Lyon and his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and assigns enter their appearance in this cause within three months from the date of this order, and that within twenty days from the date of this order the plaintiff cause this order to be published in the Owosso Times, one of the newspapers of Shiawassee County, said publication to be continued for six weeks in succession.

SETH Q. PULVER. Circuit Judge. Attorney for Plaintiff.
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The Probate Court for the County or Shia-At a session of the Probate Court for said County, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Corunna, on Friday, the 15th day of July, in the year of one thousand nine hundred and

Present, Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate Present, Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Clarence Alva Eldredge, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition of Elmaretic G. Eldredge, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Ellison T. Wilber or some other suitable person.
It is ordered, that the 13th day of August, next, at ten o'clock in the forencon at said Probate office, be assigned for hearing said petition.

petition.

And it is further ordered. That a copy of this order be published three successive weeks, previous to the said day of hearing, is the Owosso Times, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Shiawassee.

MATTHEW BUSH,
By TONE CALLOWAY.

OLARIBEL GALLOWAY,